

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation Number: 3313

Takeshi MASUDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1792

Application Number: 10/612,149

Examiner: Rudy ZERVIGON

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For: APPARATUS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FILM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: **MARCH 31, 2008**

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2007, the period for response being extended one month, from February 29, 2008 to March 30, 2008 with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Arguments/Remarks begin on page 7.